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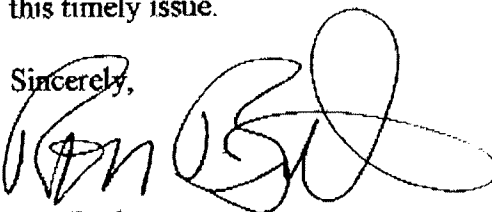
Dear Rep. Stahl:

Bridges to the Future, a program of United Way of Genesee County, is pleased to support HB 5110 to improve the accountability of after-school programs and enhance opportunities for program accessibility and delivery in Michigan.

We have worked closely with other organizations and state agencies over the past nine months to address certain aspects of P.A. 116 regarding child day care licensure and after-school programming. HB 5110 is an outcome of that effort.

Bridges to the Future is a county-wide partnership between United Way of Genesee County, the Flint Community Schools, the Genesee Intermediate School District and the County's additional 20 school districts. Bridges is an adaptive/flexible youth development model that reinforces the fundamentals learned during the school day in a way that disguises learning as FUN! Bridges serves over 15,000 K-9<sup>th</sup> graders in Genesee County and operates programming in 119 school-based sites.

We believe that HB5110 will greatly improve the Child Day Care Act. We appreciate the attention that you and your committee members are giving to this timely issue.

Sincerely,  


Ron Butler  
Executive Director  
United Way of Genesee County

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